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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

Prime Minister of Canada

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Canadian Palestinian Associations in Canada, We would like to extend our community's congratulations for your success in the elections. We are confident that Canada, under your leadership, will be a world leader in all matters of interest to Canadians as well as to all human being brothers and sisters throughout the globe. We hope that Canada will be a world leader in addressing environment challenges and defending justice and freedom for all on the planet Earth.



We would like to present to your kind attention the following subjects of special interest to Palestinian-Canadians in the hope that you will give them the attention they deserve:



1. We would like to recognize the goodwill displayed by your government in continuing to support the United National Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) that provides health, education, and other humanitarian services to millions of Palestine refugees. We hope that Canada's assistance to UNRWA will be continued, increased, and strengthened.



2. We recognize your government's firm stand with respect to Jerusalem and the principled position of rejecting calls to move the Canadian embassy in the State of Israel to Jerusalem. Canada's stand is in harmony with international law and relevant United Nations resolutions. We hope that Canada will utilize its good offices and increase its efforts to help bring about justice-based peace to Jerusalem.



3. We would like to see Canada's voting on resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly – on the question of Palestine and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict – to be more in harmony with the majority of international community based on the principles of fairness, justice, and respect for international law and human rights for all. By so doing, Canada will have significantly better chances in being successful in winning a seat at the United Nations Security Council.



4. We would like to see Canada call for an independent inquiry about continuing Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights in Occupied Palestinian Territories.



5. We would like to see Canada take the courageous step of recognizing the state of Palestine, establish full diplomatic relations, and exchange embassies. Such step will demonstrate Canada's serious commitment to establishing lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis based on the two-state solution.



6. We would like Canada to take a strong position in support of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 of December 23, 2016, that was passed in a 14-0 vote by members of UN Security Council. Fourteen members of UN Security Council voted for the resolution and the United States abstained. Resolution 2334 states that Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, constitutes a “flagrant violations” of international law and has “no legal validity”. It further demands that Israel stop settlement activity and fulfill its obligations as the occupying power under the Fourth Geneva Conventions. We hope that Canada, in its continuing efforts in support of justice-based peace, will demonstrate its adherence to justice and respect for international law by strengthening its policy and actions in support of UN Security Council Resolution 2334.



In closing, we reiterate our congratulations for your success in the elections and hope that you will lead Canada to a better place at home as well as being a productive and positively engaged member of the international community.



Respectfully,

Coalition of Palestinian Canadian Organizations in Canada

